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OECD PARISPASS TO AA/ ASIA MACDONALD.

DEPT. PASS EB: ARMSTRONG AND TREASURY: HENNESSEY.

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN/ BANGLADESH DEBT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN RESPONSE PARA 7 REFTEL WE THINK SUGGESTION OF
PLUMTREE (CANADA) IS PARTICULARLY GOOD ONE. CANADIAN
AMBASSADOR HERE DESCRIBES HIS AS " SUPREMELY QUALIFIED",
AND SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN TO
RASMINSKY, FORMER GOVERNOR BANK OF CANADA. ACTING WORLD
BANK REP HERE MENTIONED TWO POSSIBILITIES, COOMBS
(AUSTRALIAN) AND GUINDEY (FRANCE). THERE ALSO OCCUR
TO US CERTAIN POSSIBILITIES AMONG AMERICANS, E. G.,
DOUGLAS DILLON, GARDNER (INTERNATIONAL COURT, AND
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY) AND GEORGE WOOD.

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2. AMONG DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE ABILITY AND STANDING IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO QUESTION OF NATIONALITY OF ANY CONSULTANT WHO MIGHT BE CHOSEN. THUS, AN OTHERWISE QUALIFIED BRITISHER MIGHT NOT FIT IN APPROPRIATELY IN VIEW OF THE POLITICIZED ROLE OF UK IN SUBCONTINENT PROBLEMS. JAPANESE CONSULTANT WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE WELL QUALIFIED WOULD LIKEWISE NOT SEEM TO FIT WELL INTO PICTURE BECAUSE OF SOMEWHAT SPECIAL POSITION, INCLUDING THEIR LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS. A CANADIAN OR AN AMERICAN WOULD SEEM TO US TO FIT WELL INTO THE PICTURE AND THIS IS ONE REASON THAT WE BELIEVE THAT MACDONALD'S SUGGESTION OF PLUMTREE SHOULD BE FURTHER EXPLORED.

3. IF APPARENTLY MOST ELIGIBLE CHOICES TURN OUT NOT RPT NOT BE AVAILABLE MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER NEW ZEALANDER WITH CENTRAL BANK CONNECTIONS OR SOMEONE LIKE HERRERA OF BRAZIL.
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